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LA SECURITY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP --

AT TWO LA GROUP MEETINGS MARCH 19, DISCUSSION OF ARGENTINE AND PANAMANIAN SC CANDIDACIES REPORTEDLY WAS "LIVELY" BUT INCONCLUSIVE. USUN UNDERSTANDS LA'S WILL CONSIDER MATTER AGAIN MARCH 28. (CONFIDENTIAL -- OURTEL 0914)

UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA --

JAPANESE DISCLOSED COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA INVITED ITSELF TO JAPAN DURING LATE SPRING. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- OURTEL 0912)

COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS (TNC'S) --

USDEL'S CONSULTATIONS WITH KEY WEO'S SHOWED ALL STRONGLY OPPOSED MEXICAN PROPOSAL THAT TNC COMMISSION CREATE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP TO DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT. ALGERIA AND OTHER LDC'S EMPHASIZED URGENCY OF WORK ON CODE. REPORTEDLY INDIAN CHAIRMAN WAS UNHAPPY WITH ARGENTINE REP'S TIRADE MARCH 19, AND IT IS UNCERTAIN WHETHER OTHER LDC'S WILL SUPPORT LA APPROACH. IN DISCUSSION WITH USDEL, REPS OF COUNCIL OF AMERICAS, RULE OF LAW COMITE, AND NATIONAL FOREIGN TRADE COUNCIL ALL OPPOSED RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF GENERAL CODE OF CONDUCT, THOUGH THEY SEEMED MORE CONCERNED ABOUT POSSIBLE PROVISIONS ON ECONOMIC ISSUES SUCH AS RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES THAN ABOUT LEGAL AND POLITICAL PRINCIPLES.

POINTS OF INTEREST IN DEBATE INCLUDED: ARGENTINE SUGGESTION LDC'S CAN ESTABLISH OWN INFO CENTER IF UN CENTER CANNOT GET NECESSARY COMPANY DATA; JAPAN'S CONCERN THAT INTERNATIONAL CIVIL SERVANTS NOT BECOME INVOLVED IN SPECIFIC NEGOTIATIONS; FRENCH VIEW THAT DEFINITION OF TNC'S SHOULD BE BROAD ENOUGH TO INCLUDE STATE ENTERPRISES; GREEK PROPOSAL
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THAT COMMISSION DEVELOP LEGISLATIVE FRAMEWORK FOR TNC'S BASING WORK ON RECOMMENDATIONS OF EMINENT PERSONS; AND UK AND SWEDISH PROPOSALS FOR CREATION OF STANDING ADVISORY GROUP IN WHICH TRADE UNIONS AND MANAGEMENT WOULD BE REPRESENTED (OPPOSED BY MANY LDC'S).
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IN CONTINUED DISCUSSION IN COMMISSION (P.M. MARCH 19 AND A.M. MARCH 20), FELDMAN SAID USDEL FAVORED STANDING ADVISORY GROUP IN WHICH REPS OF BUSINESS, LABOR AND OTHER AREAS COULD PARTICIPATE IN CONTINUING WORK OF COMMISSION WHILE AD HOC GROUPS OF EXPERTS COULD BE CALLED ON AS NEEDED. ALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISES -- PRIVATE, STATE-OWNED OR MIXED -- SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN DEFINITION OF TNC'S. USDEL SUPPORTED SECRETARIAT VIEWS ON CODE OF CONDUCT, AND WAS PREPARED TO GIVE PRIORITY TO DEVELOPMENT OF VOLUNTARY AND REALISTIC CODE WHICH WAS BASED ON CAREFUL RESEARCH. DEVELOPMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INFO SYSTEM WAS TOP PRIORITY, AND LINES FOR CENTER TO PURSUE INITIALLY WERE: SERVE AS CLEARING HOUSE, ENCOURAGE HARMONIZATION OF STATISTICS, AND UNDERTAKE RESEARCH NECESSARY TO EVALUATE AVAILABLE INFO AND DECIDE WHAT FURTHER INFO WOULD BE USEFUL. USDEL UNDERSTOOD TNC'S SHOULD HAVE ACCESS TO INFO COLLECTED BY CENTER AND CONFIDENTIALITY OF DATA IMPORTANT TO COMPETITIVE POSITIONS SHOULD BE RESPECTED. HE SUGGESTED COMMISSION EXAMINE PRACTICAL AND FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS WHEN CONSIDERING PROPOSALS, AND SAID USDEL WOULD LIKE TO SEE PROPOSALS FOR RESEARCH ON POSITIVE ASPECTS OF TNC'S WELL AS POSSIBLE NEGATIVE ASPECTS.

GUNTHER (FRG) BELIEVED NO JUDGMENT ON TNC'S POSSIBLE UNLESS BASED ON FACTS, AND THEREFORE SELECTIVE SYSTEMATIC COLLECTION OF INFO, ITS ANALYSIS AND DISSEMINATION SHOULD BE CORNERSTONE OF WORK OF CENTER AND COMMISSION. IN HIS DEL'S VIEW, PRIORITY MATTERS WERE RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES, MARKET CONCENTRATION, TAXES, TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY, LABOR STANDARDS AND WORKING CONDITIONS. FRG HAD RESERVATIONS ABOUT COMPULSORY CHARACTER OF CODE OF CONDUCT, SINCE COMMISSION LACKED SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE TO FORMULATE SUCH CODE.

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ALGERIAN REP STRESSED THAT SUCH DOCUMENTS AS CERDS SHOULD BE FRAMEWORK WITHIN WHICH COMMISSION WOULD OPERATE, AND WANTED CODE OF CONDUCT WHICH WOULD BE OBLIGATORY FOR TNC'S. ECUADOR AND VENEZUELA ALSO WANTED OBLIGATORY STANDARDS. AUSTRALIAN REP SAID CODE MUST BE SOUNDLY BASED, AND SUGGESTED AS PRELIMINARY STEP THAT COMMISSION DECIDE WHETHER IT OR INFO AND RESEARCH CENTER SHOULD DRAW UP QUESTIONNAIRE TO COLLECT INFO. MOST LA'S (INCLUDING PERU, VENEZUELA) AND GUINEA WERE CRITICAL OF TNC'S, AS WAS UKRAINIAN REP WHO WANTED EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL MEASURES TO DEFEND SOVEREIGNTY OF STATES FROM ATTACK BY TNC'S. ECUADOR COMMENTED LDC'S REQUIRED PRESENCE OF TNC'S IN NUMBER OF FIELDS AND THEREFORE THEY SHOULD ACT AS MECHANISM TO SERVE DEVELOPMENT AND LEAD TO BENEFITS FOR HOST COUNTRY.

ILO REP OFFERED TO PLACE ILO EXPERIENCE AT COMMISSION'S SERVICE, AND REP OF INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SAID ICC WOULD BE PLEASED TO OFFER ITS SERVICES FOR PROPOSED PANEL OF EXPERTS.

COMITE OF 24 SUBCOMITE II --

SUBCOMITE CONCLUDED GENERAL DEBATE ON BERMUDA MARCH 20, AFTER STATEMENT BY AUSTRALIAN REP, AND HEARD OPENING STATEMENT BY UK REP ON QUESTION OF GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS, PITCAIRN AND SOLOMON ISLANDS.

CAMPBELL (AUSTRALIA) THOUGHT QUESTION OF BERMUDA'S FUTURE RAISED NUMBER OF DELICATE ISSUES, NOTED INDEPENDENCE WAS BOUND TO BE RAISED IN NEXT ELECTION, AND SAID UN SHOULD EXERCISE CARE IN DEALING WITH TERRITORY. HE DID NOT THINK IT APPROPRIATE TO SEND VISITING MISSION AT THIS TIME, BUT SUGGESTED SUBCOMITE COULD NEXT YEAR, IF IT WISHED, INVITE REPS OF BERMUDA'S TWO MAIN PARTIES TO TAKE PART IN SUBCOMITE'S DISCUSSION AND THUS OBTAIN INFO DIRECTLY FROM THEM.

RICHARDSON (UK) REPORTED RECEIPT OF MARCH 20 TELEGRAM FROM TARAWA STATING CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS ON SEPARATION OF ELLICE ISLANDS WERE COMPLETED SATISFACTORILY MARCH 19; CONFIDENTIAL

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DISCUSSION CENTERED ON RECOMMENDATIONS BY ELLICE SEPARATION COMITE; PROVISIONS OF NEW CONSTITUTION HAD BEEN AGREED UPON; NAME OF NEW TERRITORY WOULD BE BUVALU; ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION WOULD TAKE PLACE JAN. 1, 1976, BUT IT WAS HOPED NEW CONSTITUTION WOULD COME INTO FORCE OCT. 1, 1975. HE MENTIONED SERIOUS PROBLEM OF POACHING BY FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS IN GILBERT AND ELLICE ISLANDS TERRITORIAL WATERS, AND SAID FISHING LIMITS HAD BEEN EXTENDED FROM 3 TO 12 MILES AND FEASIBILITY STUDY PREPARED ON ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL FISHING INDUSTRY WITH ASSISTANCE OF JAPANESE GOVT.

SPEAKING OF PITCAIRN, RICHARDSON SAID YOUNG PEOPLE LOOKED FOR WORK IN NEW ZEALAND AND POPULATION WAS AGING AND HAD FALLEN TO 61, BUT IT WAS HMG POLICY TO MAINTAIN ISLAND COMMUNITY "FOR AS LONG AS IT WISHES AND IS PHYSICALLY ABLE TO STAY." HE EXPECTED FURTHER CONSTITUTIONAL ADVANCE IN SOLOMON ISLANDS IN YEAR OR TWO, AND SAID MAIN NEEDS NOW WERE TO STRENGTHEN ECONOMY AND ENCOURAGE LOCAL PARTICIPATION AT ALL LEVELS IN RUNNING OF COUNTRY.
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COMITE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION --

IN P.M. MARCH 19 AND A.M. MARCH 20, COMITE CONTINUED CONSIDERATION OF WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES AND HEARD VIEWS ON SECTIONS RELATING TO PROPOSED ACTIVITIES IN OCEAN ECONOMICS AND TECHNOLOGY, POPULATION, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS. ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SECTION, COMITE AGREED TO RECOMMEND THAT PROGRAM AND ITS OBJECTIVES, WHICH WERE VAGUE AT PRESENT, SHOULD BE REVISED FOR GREATER CLARITY. BELGIAN REP MADE STATEMENT IN GENERAL DEBATE.

SOUTH AFRICAN AD CONCERNING SIMONSTOWN --

NY TIMES MARCH 18 FEATURED AD PLACED BY SAG WHICH INCLUDED PHOTO OF VESSEL ON HIGH SEAS AND ASKED "COULD ORGANIZATION LIKE NATO HAVE BASE IN SIMONSTOWN, SOUTH AFRICA?"
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